Next week's theme: Passion of Christ

Chrism Mass: Wednesday at 6:00 pm at St. Patrick Co-Cathedral

Stations of the Cross: Friday at 6:00 pm



"Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore." (vs 11) John 8:3-11

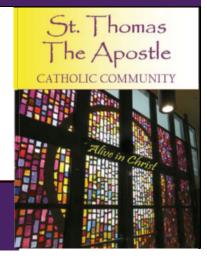
Pastor:

Rev. Steve Zabrocki Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays - 3:30 pm or by appt Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday - 5:00 pm Sunday - 8:30 am, 10:30 am Daily Mass Schedule: Tuesday - Friday - 9:00 am

Church:

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April 3, 2022: Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Diocese of Great Falls-Billings Annual Catholic Appeal COMMITMENT WEEKEND



The Annual Catholic Appeal campaign is in progress! *"Living our Faith Together"* has enabled us to come together as a family of faith and ensures our gifts touch the entire faith community of the Church of Eastern Montana. Your support is received with great gratitude and conviction that we are growing as a family of faith, sharing in toils and happiness together, all while being molded into the image of God.

This Appeal calls each of us to step forward in our faith by sharing our gifts and blessings with our brothers and sisters in faith. *If you have not already done so,* please take this opportunity to review your campaign packet and prayerfully consider a contribution to aid in the support of the greater Catholic community of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. Additional envelopes can be found at the church entrances.



Collection 3/27

Total Collection17,775

Year-to-date Collection (start: July 1, 2021)

YTD Total Collection \$1,164366

Prefer online giving? Go to <u>GiveCentral.org</u> and choose a "way to support" St. Thomas the Apostle Church - Billings.

Thank you for supporting your parish!

Contact our staff... Office Hours: Mon -Thurs: 8:00 am - noon; 1:00 - 5:00 pm Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm



Pastor: Rev. Steve Zabrocki Deacon: Deacon Nate Haney Retired Priest: Rev. Patrick Zabrocki Retired Deacon: Deacon Tim Birkle Liturgy Asst:: Jina Arroyo Administrative Asst:: Theresa Ball Custodian: Brian Etchart RCIA/Adult Education: Mary Gillespie Youth Ministry: Tiffany Glennon Religious Ed: Joyce Hollowell Outreach: Kathy Lombardozzi Finance Mgr: Paul Miron Liturgical Music: Carolyn Peters



Sac/Holy water April 8: Jocelyn Pickens			
	Sat 5:00 pm	Sun 8:30 am	Sun 10:30 am
Asst Collect		T Scott	
Collection		L Pauley	
Altar Serv Bk	СНоре	D French	NEEDED
Altar Serv Cr	C Eastlick	T Ackerman	NEEDED
Altar Serv Ch	F Eastlick	J Burmeister	K McMahon
Plate 2	Fr. Pat	Fr. Pat	Fr. Pat
Plate 3	Deacon Nate	Deacon Tim	J Miron
Plate 4	M Fishbaugh	F Lawler	B Gibson
Greeter SG	K Hooley	B/J Pedersen	T/M Hunt
CC	A Anderson	NEEDED	J Jordan
Proclaimer 1	Sr K Franchett	P Purinton	M Easton
Proclaimer 2	Sr B Helfert	R Nau	D Weaver
Sacristan	N Nielsen	M Fitzpatrick	E Mellor
Usher Lead	B Goetz	D Ehresman	P Miron
Usher Altar	D Fishbaugh	C Hasiak	NEEDED
Usher Ambo	D Lambrecht	L Pauley	Z Arroyo



Breakfast Sandwich Ministry April 5 Assembly & Delivery: **Dennis Ehresman** April 3 - 9 Bring Ingredients -English muffins: Cathy Lynch Canadian bacon: Faye Lawler American cheese: Janet Neumiller 5 dozen eggs: Judy Zilch



Soup Ministry April 4

Sac/Holy Water April 8. Jocelyn Pickens

Lynn Ehresman



Plant Care April 7

Jina Arroyo Joani Guzman

Next week's MASS INTENTIONS:

- Tuesday, 4/5, 9:00 am Tuesday, 4/5, 9:00 am Wednesday, 4/6, 9:00 am Wednesday, 4/6, 9:00 am Thursday, 4/7, 9:00 am Thursday, 4/7, 9:00 am Friday, 4/8, 9:00 am Friday, 4/8, 9:00 am Saturday, 4/9, 5:00 pm Saturday, 4/9, 5:00 pm Sunday, 4/10, 8:30 am Sunday, 4/10, 8:30 am Sunday, 4/10, 10:30 am
- **† Jamie Rains** by Diane Nelson
- **† Jack Padon** by Jim & Ellen Buller
- **† Jack Padon** by Keith & Judy Lavachek
- **† Leona Bulak** by Sheila Llewellyn
- **† Matt Jackson** by Gene & Sheila Rockman
- **† Jack Padon** by KC Council #13050
- **† Bob Yurick** by Dennis & Lisa Peterson
- **†** Bonnie Yurick by Dennis & Lisa Peterson
- **†** Rosie & Shay McPhee by Nancy Lierow
- **†** Arlette & Bill Gibson by the Chandler Family
- **† Peter Lombardozzi** by Mary Gillespie
- **† Jack Padon** by Ric & Jan Winhofer
- Intentions of the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Family
- **† Peggy Keller** by Dennis & Lisa Peterson

The Rosary is prayed together prior to daily Mass on weekdays.



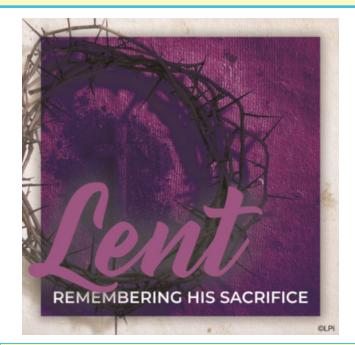
Monday, April 4

Breakfast Sandwich Prep Soup Drop Off & Delivery Prayer Group, 4 pm, Reconciliation Rm **Tuesday, April 5** Saints of Lent, 9:45 am, St. Benedict Rm Choir Practice, 6:30 pm, St. Cecilia Room **Wednesday, April 6** Lectio Divina, 9:45 am, St. Benedict Rm Chrism Mass, 6:00 pm, for area parishes at St. Patrick Co-Cathedral **Friday, April 8**

Stations of the Cross, 6:00 pm, Church

Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday Easter Food Basket Deliveries

RCIA for Children, 8:30 am, St. Catherine of Siena Room RCIA, 11:45 am, St John XXIII Rm - 3



Prayers needed:

Bill Belinski, Katy Donovan, Vernice Doughten, Jeff Flaten, Reid Hagen, Margaret Helfrich, Ron Jones, Daryl Ann Jorgensen, Marilyn Kreiner, Katie Lien, Bernadette Millard, Robin Rumph, Tristan Voller, Jerry Wagner and Marlene Wagner. **Easter Food Baskets**



Just an important reminder:

Easter Basket delivery day is next Sunday, April 10th!

Hams may be brought to St. Thomas anytime during this week and will be needed by 9:00 am on delivery day. You can also still sign up - at the church entrances or online - to deliver Easter Food Baskets to a family or families.

From a letter received from a school: Thank you so much for your generous offer of Easter Food Baskets. Several of our students qualify for backpack meals, which

means there isn't enough food in the home for the children to eat on the weekends. This is a fantastic bonus for the



children. May God bless you!

Ladies -



You are invited to the Billings Vicariate Council of Catholic Women Annual Spring Conference to be held Saturday, April 23rd, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm at St. Bernard's parish in the Heights.

There will be an election of officers. а presentation bv LaVie, along with an update on parish challenges. Lunch will be served, followed by Bingo. Cost is \$10 per attendee.

Each parish is asked to provide a "spring" themed raffle item. RSVP to Bev, 406-208-8191 or 406-248-2420 Alice. bv Wednesday, April 20th.



Word of Life

With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our dioceses. With equal clarity and determination, we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth."

The Gospel of Life 95

March Birthdays

Tom Abel Chris Ackerman Jeff Aders Traci Albright Arnette Anderson Kathy Anderson **Kim Anderson Brody Arroyo Brody Arstein** Dalvay Astle Anne Bagley Linda Baltrusch Pat Barnes **Derek Baumgartner Nicole Benton Toni Bjelland** Cherie Bleeker **RoriMae Blomquist** John Bohlinger **Brynn Bohrer** Mary Bolender Karl Boltz Lauryn Boos Joseph Borla Walter Botts Amanda Bowe Mattea Boyle Frank Braun **Gary Breetz** Karen Breetz Rachel Breetz **Tom Brewer** Maggie Brink Palmer Brosovich Ron Brown Alex Bruns **Michael Bruns** Jolene Bucholz **Bunny Burrows**

Caleb Byorth Josiah Call Valerie Caton Dana Cebull **Ashley Chilton Finley Chilton** Shane Coleman Carsen Colgrove Donna Contreraz Jeff Cormier Zach Cormier Jevin Cox Kara Cox Charlene Critelli Connor Dahl Matthew Dahnke Nicolette Damjanovich Johnny Degele Laynee Degnan Tony Derrig Whitney DiFronzo Thea Doucette Sia Dragan Anna Drager **Krissy Dringman Emerson Dull Briant Duray** Jen DuVal Mandy Easton Tucker Eggebrecht Amber Erlenbusch Linda Fasching Sandy Feeley **Eileen Feldman** Anna Fenhaus Jenifer Fitzpatrick Jill Follett **Rvan Fuller** George Galuska Phil Ganson

Jayden Gillette Bob Goetz **Gunner Graves** Ann Groce Ian Grosulak Mary Gudmundson Carlos Gutierrez Ramirez Avery Hadley Justin Hadley Paul Hagen Carter Hansen Marie Hanser Elle Hanson Kurt Hanson Jared Harris **Rocco Harris Robert Hasiak Deb Haves** Noah Haynie Ian Hecker Marci Hecker Pamela Heine Matt Helfrich Elle Heringer Kelcy Heringer Lorraine Heser Max Hewett Lynsie Hope Lance Hoskins Patrick Hoy Noah Hruby Melvin Huschka **Bob Ille** Paula Jagodzinski Justin Jimison Alex Johnson Gail Johnson **Trystan Johnson** Karla Kelly **Roger Kephart**

Cameron King Cora King Jack King Michael Kobos Jakob Kominsky Don Kraske Jon Krivec Lauren Krivec Steve Kuhlmann **Clint Laferriere** Jack Lervick Nancy Lierow Suzanne Lombardozzi Kelly Lynch Harper Madach Mia Madach Tom Manning Mike Martinson **Greg McDonald** Precious McKenzie-Stearns Karen McKinney Tom McKinney Mike McLean **Bryan Meier** Christina Michelotti April Miller **Bronson Miller Bill Murphy Clayton Murray** Joshua Murray **Patrick Murtagh** Laurie Mylan **Brennan Nielsen** Jenna O'Brien Chrissy O'Malley Erin O'Neill Suzanne Odegaard **Casey Olson** Brett Ouellette Anna Paczkowski

Pat Padon Audrey Parks Michael Pasek **Robert Pasquarello** Lynn Pauley Franklin Peila Sarah Pertuit Karen Petermann Jack Peterson Dorota Pomorska-Trefny Ellie Schrock Anna Potter Mike Rapkoch Michael Rath Juliette Rath-Echartea Pamela Shires Wayne Ray John Reas William Reichert **Brenda Reiland**

Bob Richards Brynlee Richards Dorothy Rimmer Mary Ritchie Laura Rodriguez Lucas Ruggles Joan Sadowski Jim Schaak Larry Schlaht Andy Schuman Skylar Schuman Charlie Shaw Amy Silvernagel Chloe Silvernagel Mackenzie Sizemore David Smith

Jodie Smith Zack Smith Aubrey Soares **Hillery Sparks Daphne Stearns** Jim Stergar **Milly Stevens** Laurie Sticka **Troy Stiles** Tom Stinchfield Joe Striblev Lizz Studer Jim Sullivan **Finlee Sundheim** Don Sweatt Sebastian Terou Timothy Thelen Logan Titus

Rick Trefny Ruby Tuesday Shannon Vennes Jack Wallace **Russ Warchola** Brendan Warn Brvce Warn Caleb Weller Nancy Wernke **RJ Westberg** Thelma Wheeler Barbara White Jan Winhofer Aaron Wolfblack Ed Zabrocki **Angie Zeiler Tim Zent** Judith Zilch

Jesus once said to a Benedictine monk during his period of adoration:

"... This is what I want of you: time 'wasted' in My presence; time given to Me for My sake."

The Billings Adoration Chapel is located at 2013 Woody Dr, adjacent to our church and the school. You are invited to become an adorer and commit a small amount of your time to please the Lord. Allow Him the time to tell you all He wants you to know. The Adoration Chapel welcomes you for prayer or simply time to

be with Jesus. Please consider visiting the Chapel soon. For additional information, visit the Adoration Chapel website,



adorationchapelbillings.org, scan the QR code, or call 406-413-0978.

Billings Catholic Young Adults Events

Do you consider yourself a young adult Catholic? Your gifts - whether single, married, with or without children - are needed in our community. Please



consider joining the Young Adults for some upcoming events, or call them to get together for some coffee.

April 8: BYCA is volunteering with the Knights of Columbus for their 4/8 Friday Fish Fry

When: Arrive at 5:15 pm. Serving takes place 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Where: Columbia Club, 2216 Grand Ave

Volunteers will receive a free meal and drink. There will also be non-fish menu items available. For more information, contact Sabrina at 406-694-3180.

Youth Ministry

Religious Education



Confirmation - First Eucharist Students:

Your Sponsor Packets, Service Project Forms, and the "Joy Joy" workbooks are

due this week. Banners and the Confirmation Name forms are due next week (April 12th & 13th). Thanks!

It is not too late to participate in our **RICE BOX LENTEN COLLECTION**. The money raised goes to Catholic Relief Services to help 3rd World hunger. You can pick up a Rice Box at one of the church entrances —

fill it with your pocket change during Lent and return it to the church by Easter and we will mail all monies raised to Catholic Relief Services. **Pocket change truly does change lives!**



Joyce

IF YOU'RE STILL DRIVING AROUND IN THAT BEAT-UP OLD PAST...





Youth Ministry will be exploring deeper into service.

What is service? How can I serve? Why should I serve? What ways can our Youth Group serve our community?

Service Projects start.



Special diocesan collection for April: Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Founded in 1924 by the American Board

of Catholic Missions, its aim is helping and supporting the poor dioceses her e in the United States, particularly with providing religious education.

Envelopes can be found at each of the church entrances. Please consider donating.

Lenten Study: SAINTS OF LENT

One more Tuesday! Would you like to learn more about some of the saints who have feast days during the season of Lent? If so, please come this **Tuesday morning at 9:45 am (until 11:15 am) to the St. Benedict Room to learn about St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Bernadette. ALL ARE WELCOME!** Questions? Call Mary at 631-988-9750.

In preparation for April 10, 2022 Passion of Christ

"The people stood by and watched."

(vs 35)



Luke 22:14 - 23:56

When you reflect on Jesus' crucifixion, what is he saying to you?
Have you ever become just a part of the "crowd"; stood by and just let something happen that you didn't believe was right? If so, how did you feel afterwards?
What is the one thing Jesus is saying to us in this Sunday's Gospel about how a disciple

- should speak or act? And what do you need to do or change to be a better disciple?
- 4. Where do you see the characteristics of a dynamic disciple expressed in the Gospel?

Obstacles of living out the Gospel: Ex - Lack of courage/strength; not thinking of the consequences; too busy to act; mob mentality; fear, etc.



1. Have you ever seen something so awful happening that even though you wanted to turn away, you couldn't?

- 2. Spend a minute thinking about one of those times in your life. See if you can remember the emotion that accompanied that moment.
- 3. Spend a few minutes in silent reflection asking the holy spirit to give you the strength to turn to God in moments of despair.
- 4. Action: Turn to the crucified Jesus next time you are in the church. Spend some time in silence; let him speak to you.

Obstacles of living out the Gospel: Not sharing the good news due to fear, shame or insecurity; following the crowd.

• 1. Today we heard two Gospel stories. The first is how the people praised Jesus and in the second, these same people cried out, "Crucify him!"

- 2. It took a lot of different people to kill Jesus. It took some people in charge, like Pilate and Herod, but it also took the soldiers and the crowds of angry people. Have you ever done something you wished you didn't because you were following others? If you had a chance to think it through, would you have reacted differently?
- 3. The palms you receive at Mass are called sacramentals. How can your family display them to help you remember to always give Jesus your praise, love and adoration?

Obstacles of living out the Gospel: Going along with the crowd; not thinking of the consequences of our actions.

Community Needs

St. Vincent de Paul needs men's clothing of all kinds, especially pants, shoes and belts. They also are looking for volunteers for donation pickup support and engagement specialist, assisting their drop-in center and social service department. If interested, please contact Callie at 406-831-5221 or <u>callie@svdpmt.org</u>.

Campus Minister is needed in Bozeman; full-time position. Reports to Fr. Joe Paddock, pastor of Resurrection University Catholic parish. For details, contact Kristy at 406-579-0821 or <u>kljohns@me.com</u>.

Around the region-

Catholic Daughters Spring Preview Craft Open House NEXT SUNDAY, April 10th. When: 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm Where: 3509 54th St W. They will have spring, Easter and baby gifts along with some yummy Easter baked goods for sale that you can freeze and save for Easter. They are planning a larger Craft Sale in May with items for graduation, Mother's Day, Father's Day, summer and 4th of July. They look forward to seeing you and they thank you for your support.

Parent Empowerment Speaker Series: "Strengthening Youth by Empowering Parents". Parents are the most important protective factor for their children. However, it's clear that locking the front door and teaching typical "stranger danger" is no longer adequate protection. Because of technology, the venue for safeguarding kids has moved from the playground to their pockets. Understandably, many parents lack the knowledge, skills and resources necessary to help their youth successfully navigate the pitfalls of our modern digital world. In order to support parents in their efforts, End Exploitation Montana is organizing a virtual Parent Empowerment Speaker series each Tuesday in April (April 5, 12, 19 and 26) from noon to 12:45 pm, and will include a live Q&A. Attendees can register at mediasafety.org. Topics are relationship building, mental health, harmful trends facing youth and online sexual exploitation, specifically including the role technology plays in each of these.

Do you have books, CDs, DVDs, Jigsaw puzzles or old vinyl records to donate? Please call Central Christian Church at 406-252-1828. They collect year-round. Their **Spring Book Sale takes place April 4 - 9** at 1221 16th St W, across Grand from West Park Promenade). Hours are Monday through Saturday that week, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. They accept cash, checks, debit and credit cards. 75,000 titles.

